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For: FUEL REFORMING APPARATUS	:	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

A request his hereby made for continued examination of the above identified patent application pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114. This preliminary amendment is a proper submission as required by 37 CFR § 1.114(b) because claims 1 and 4 have been amended, new claims have been added, and new arguments for patentability are presented.

Please amend claims 1 and 4 and add new claims 7-10 as set forth in the "Amendments to the Claims" on pages 2 and 3 of this response.

A listing of all claims in the present application is presented in the "Amendments to the Claims" beginning at page 2 of this response.